

Animal Management Facility

The facility is located at the Shire of East Pilbara Works Depot on the Corner of Welsh drive and Woodstock Street, Newman. Map below



Lost Cat Enquiries

Cat owners can locate lost cats by calling 08 9175 8000 Monday to Friday, 8.30 am to 4.30 pm, and 0419 860 376 after hours to see if their cat has been impounded. If your cat is wearing a current registration tag, Council Officers will contact you wherever possible.

Unidentified Cats

Cat owners have at least 72 hours to claim their impounded pet between 4 pm - 6 pm every day from the Animal Management Facility by appointment. Prior to being released, cats will also need to be microchipped, sterilised and registered. You can also check photographs of impounded cats at www.eastpilbara.wa.gov.au

Can you give an uncalimed cat a new start in life?

Unclaimed cats may be available for adpotion from SAFE Newman

Visit: <https://www.petrescue.com.au/groups/10196/SAFE-Newman-Saving-Animals-From-Euthanasia>



Feral Cat Trapping

Feral cats threaten the survival of over 100 Australian native species. They are the same species as domestic cats but live and breed in the wild. Feral cats can also carry infectious diseases, harming domestic animals and livestock.

Cat traps are available for use by residents upon request. Should you require a cat trap, contact Ranger Services on 08 9175 8000.

Rangers will collect the cat(s) from the resident's property and transport them to the Animal Management Facility.

Rangers request that the guidelines below are followed to ensure the welfare of the cat:

Several days prior, start feeding the cat where you intend to set the trap. It will be far more likely to enter the trap if it has been fed there previously. Set the trap according to the instructions you were given. Make sure it is stable and will not tip over, set under shelter, out of rain and sun, and out of public view. Please also avoid setting raps in extreme weather conditions.

It is an extremely traumatic experience for a cat to be trapped, and it is essential it is covered for the entire time it is in the trap. When setting the trap, place an old sheet or towel over the back half. As soon as you know that the cat has entered the trap, cover the trap completely.

Due to the extreme Pilbara heat, traps are not to be set during the day. Do not leave a cat in the trap for too long. As soon as you are aware a cat is in it, you must contact Ranger Services on 08 9175 8000 or 0419 860 376.

YOUR CAT AND THE LAW

INFOMATION FOR CAT OWNERS



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Cat Registrations

All domestic cats in WA over the age of six months will need to be sterilised, microchipped and registered with their local Shire. Cat registration renewals are forwarded to registered cat owners in October of each year.

Cat registration fees are as follows:

	1yr	3yrs	Lifetime
Sterilised Cat	\$20	\$42.50	\$100

Proof of sterilisation is required and is usually provided by a Veterinary Surgeons Certificate or a Statutory Declaration made by the owner. The sighting of a tattoo ear insignia denoting a sterilised cat is also acceptable. The microchip number must be provided at the time of registration.

Registrations can be made by post or in person at either the Newman or Barble Bar Administration Offices. For further information, call 08 9175 8000.

Penalties

Cat owners who do not comply with regulations may be issued with an infringement

\$200 infringement

- Unregistered cat
- Failure to ensure cat is wearing a registration tag in public
- Failure to ensure cat is microchipped
- Failure to ensure cat is sterilised
- Transfer of cat that is not microchipped (and is not exempt)
- Transfer of cat that is not sterilised (and is not exempt)
- Breeding cats (not being an approved cat breeder)

Pensioner Concessions

Pensioner Concessions are available for eligible cardholders, who may register their cats for 50% of the applicable fee.

A copy of a current Pensioner Concession Card OR a copy of either a Centrelink or Department of Veterans Affairs "Commonwealth Seniors Health Card" together with a Seniors Card must be produced to prove eligibility.

A refund is available if a person obtains the Pensioner Concession during the current registration period and may be obtained by a written request to the Shire, together with copies of the above documents.



Owner Responsibilities

As an owner, you have several responsibilities as outlined by the *Cat Act 2011*, which states owners must ensure their cat:

- is registered (over 6 months of age)
- is microchipped
- is sterilised
- is wearing a Shire registration tag

The Shire must be notified in writing about any changes of address or cat ownership so that registration records can be kept up to date.

Cat breeders are required to obtain a licence from the Shire

The Shire of East Pilbara Local Laws require approval for any residence that want to keep two or more cats.

What You Can Do to Help

- Sterilise your cat. Sterilised cats are healthier, live longer and are less of a nuisance to the community. Unsterilised male cats spraying on doors and cars are a nuisance to neighbours. Sterilised male cats wander less, and their urine doesn't have a high hormonal odour. Sterilised cats are marked with a tattoo in the ear to prevent further unnecessary surgery if the cat gets lost or finds a new home.
- Restrict cat numbers to 2 at any property
- Confine your cat. Preferably cats should be confined to a pen or house at night between dusk and dawn.
- Identify your cat. Many lost or injured cats never find their homes simply because they have no identification. Microchipping is the safest form of identification for cats, which are then added to the central records database.

What You Can Do if You Have a Problem with Nuisance Cats

If you have wandering cats on your property, you can try a number of means to discourage them:

- Utilise products available from nurseries and pet shops to deter cats
- Ensure that your pet's food is not left outside to entice cats.
- Try to ascertain who the owner of the cat is. This can help make the owner aware of their cat's habits and may increase the likelihood of steps being taken to control their activities.

If you are uncomfortable speaking with the owner, please contact Rangers Service on 08 9175 8000. We will educate the owner on cat laws and provide suggestions to ensure they can comply with the requirements.